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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of:) Examiner: J. Brusca
EISENBERG et al.) Group Art Unit: 1631
For: **ZINC FINGER PROTEIN**) Confirmation No.: 1465
COMPOSITIONS) Customer No.: 20855
Serial No.: 09/535,088)
Filed: March 23, 2000)
Atty. Docket No.: 8325-0011)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

BOX CPA
Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This preliminary amendment is filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d). Consideration of the following amendments is requested prior to substantive examination.

I. AMENDMENTS

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 18, line 6 with the following:

--ZPFs that bind to a particular target gene, and the nucleic acids encoding them, can be used for a variety of applications. These applications include therapeutic methods in which a ZFP or a nucleic acid encoding it is administered to a subject and used to modulate the